

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PARIS 06116 101825Z

64

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07

L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

NIC-01 SAJ-01 ACDA-05 EB-07 /081 W

----- 110045

R 101816Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7417

INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN

USMISSION USBERLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USMISSION GENEVA

USMISSION NATO

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 06116

E.O. 11652: XGDS1

TAGS: PFOR, UR, GE, FR

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF ABRASSIMOV AS SOVIET AMBASSADOR  
TO THE GDR

REF: USBERLIN 447

1. DIRECTOR OF EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, OMNES, TELLS  
US THAT IN QUAI VIEW, ABRASSIMOV APPOINTMENT REFLECTS  
INCREASINGLY NOTICEABLE SOVIET RESTLESSNESS OVER  
"IMPRECISIONS" IN DEVELOPMENT OF GDR-FRG RELATIONS AND  
LACK OF "RIGOR" IN IMPLEMENTATION OF BERLIN QA. OMNES  
SAYS THAT THERE WERE ALREADY SOME INDICATIONS OF THIS  
DISSATISFACTION DURING THE BREZHNEV-GISCARD MEETINGS IN  
RAMBCUILLET AND EARLIER. QUAI ALSO HAS IMPRESSION THAT  
MOSCOW MAY BECOMING MORE CONCERNED OVER GDR'S GROWING  
INTEREST IN EAST-WEST TRADE, WHICH COULD LEAD TO GRADUAL  
RE-ORIENTATION OF THE GDR ECONOMY, MAKING LESS OF ITS  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARIS 06116 101825Z

NATIONAL PRODUCT AVAILABLE TO MOSCOW TO DISPOSE OF.

2. OMNES SAID - FOR STRICT BACKGROUND - THAT QUAI'S  
INTERPRETATION DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM ITS EMBASSY IN  
BERLIN, WHICH REPORTS THAT ABRASSIMOV APPOINTMENT WAS  
PRIMARILY AIMED AT TIGHTENING UP PANKOW-MOSCOW RELATIONS.  
HOWEVER, FRENCH ARE GENERALLY AGREED THAT ABRASSIMOV'S  
ARRIVAL IN BERLIN PROBABLY SIGNALS A TOUGHER SOVIET  
STANCE WHICH WILL BEAR CAREFUL WATCHING.  
RUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** FOREIGN RELATIONS, PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, AMBASSADORS, INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 10 MAR 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** ElyME  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975PARIS06116  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** X1  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750083-0953  
**From:** PARIS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750366/aaaachnw.tel  
**Line Count:** 70  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 USBERLIN 447  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ElyME  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 13 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <13 MAY 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <07 OCT 2003 by ElyME>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** APPOINTMENT OF ABRASSIMOV AS SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PDIP, UR, GC, FR, (ABRASSIMOV)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006